

PREP BASKETBALL

Streak now eight

Reserves help Woodmen win

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Adrian Kellams was a starter for the Greenwood Community High School boys basketball team early in the season.

Now the senior forward comes off the bench as a scoring threat for the Woodmen. And he doesn't mind that role.

Surpassing his previous season-high of 17 points, Kellams scored a game-high 20 points on 7-of-11 shooting as the Woodmen defeated Indian Creek 79-39 on Tuesday night to win their eighth straight game.

Kellams attributes Greenwood's recent success to the ability of the starters to put together and hold early leads. That's when senior Jeff Geoghegan, another reserve, and Kellams go to work. Geoghegan scored nine points.

"Lately, our starting five have gotten leads, and then Jeff and I go out there and try to give our guys some energy," Kellams said. "And we usually do a pretty good job of that. Our first five really get the tone set."

Greenwood (16-4) dominated Indian Creek (5-14), hitting 30 of 65 field goals, outrebounding the Braves 38-26, forcing 18 turnovers and holding the Braves to 44 field-goal attempts.

Senior Matt Allee scored 16 points while seniors Robbie Newbold, Evan Checkeye and

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Indian Creek senior Mark Dunn, right, tries to get past Greenwood senior A.J. Edds during Tuesday's game at Indian Creek.

Edinburgh falls to Spartans

Hollenbeck honored before Senior Night game

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An energized home crowd and Senior Night festivities could not lift the Edinburgh boys basketball team over the 3-point shooting and defensive pressure of Southwestern (Shelby) on Tuesday night.

The host Lancers fell 67-54 in their final regular-season game to finish with an 8-12 overall record and 1-7 in the Mid-Hoosier Conference.



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SPARTANS 67

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The Spartans hit 8 of 23 from beyond the 3-point arc and forced 17 turnovers to finish the regular season with a 9-12 overall record and 3-5 in the MHC.

Edinburgh kept the game close in the first half by hitting 8 of 14 shots from the field while holding Southwestern to 10 of 25. However, the Lancers fell behind by 10 points with five minutes to play in the half.

The Lancers battled back with a 9-4 run to cut the deficit to five points and trailed at halftime 27-22.

Edinburgh scored the first two baskets of the second half to cut the lead to 27-26 with 5:30 remaining in the third quarter. But then the Spartans began to hit their stride from beyond the arc.

Southwestern, led by guards Clayton Napier and Brady Phelps, hit six of its next seven shots, including five 3-pointers, to build the lead to 44-28 with 2:30 to play in the third.

Napier led all scorers with 23 points, while Phelps scored 10 of his 15 points in the second half.

With the flurry, the Lancers looked as though they may

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A LOOK AHEAD

Friday's boys basketball games involving southside teams. Boys sectionals begin Tuesday:

Lawrence Central at Center Grove, 7:30 p.m.

Franklin at Jennings County, 8 p.m.

New Palestine at Greenwood, 7:30 p.m.

Indian Creek at Waldron, 7:30 p.m.

Beech Grove at Whiteland, 7:30 p.m.

Horizon School at Greenwood Christian Academy, 6 p.m.

Injuries not big problem for Pacers

Granger, Johnson sting Hornets

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They have no star power but plenty of sheer willpower.

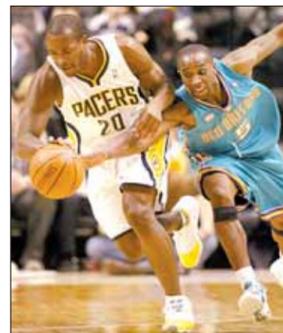
For now, that's all the Indiana Pacers appear to need.

A makeshift lineup that should strike zero fear in the heart of quality opponents is suddenly a terror. The New Orleans/Oklahoma City Hornets are the latest to feel the sting.

Behind inspired performances by rookie forward Danny Granger and journeyman point guard Anthony Johnson, the Pacers halted the Hornets' five-game winning streak with a 97-75 win Tuesday night in Conseco Fieldhouse.

Granger had career-high totals of 22 points and 11 rebounds off the bench. Johnson led the starters with 19. Both players were among five Pacers in double figures.

More importantly, Indiana (27-23) strengthened its grip on the fifth playoff spot in the Eastern Conference, which seemed improbable three weeks ago when



AP PHOTO

The Hornets' Speedy Claxton, right, tries to steal the ball from the Pacers' Fred Jones during the second quarter of Tuesday's game at Conseco Fieldhouse in Indianapolis.

the Pacers closed January with six straight losses.

Despite a lineup that is still missing injured starters Jermaine O'Neal, Jamaal Tinsley and Austin Croshere, the Pacers have gone in the opposite direction this month.

Tuesday marked the close of a

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NEXT UP



Indiana Pacers (27-23)
at Detroit Pistons (43-9)
Time: 8 p.m. Thursday
TV: TNT
Radio: WIBC-1070 AM

Cohen ahead of foes after short program

By BARRY WILNER
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TURIN, Italy

Sassy Sasha Cohen saved the best for last. And boy was it good.

With U.S. flags waving and chants of "USA! USA!" rocking the arena, the U.S. champion dazzled the judges with a sensational short program Tuesday night and slipped past world champion Irina Slutskaya of Russia by .03 points.

Cohen's spectacular spirals and crisp footwork had the crowd clapping to the beat of "Dark Eyes," a Russian folk tune. She even flashed some attitude as she concluded a solid evening of skating that will wrap up with Thursday night's free skate, snapping her fingers and double-pumping her fists as if to say, "Top that."

"I just believed in myself," Cohen said. "To have something like this come out is really great. I am going to believe in myself and expect the best."



AP PHOTO

American Sasha Cohen snaps her fingers during her routine in the women's short program in the Turin Winter Olympics on Tuesday.

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